Tripura to check the activities of extremists belonging to the Tripura National Volunteers (TNV). A Memorandum of Settlement has been signed on 12th August, 1988 with the TNV by the Additional Secretary, Union Home Ministry on behalf of the Government of India, the Chief Secretary, Tripura on behalf of the Government of Tripura in the presence of Governor, Tripura and Chief Minister, Tripura. Copies of the Memorandum of Settlement have already been laid on the Table of the House on 12.8.1988.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of withdrawal of Army will be considered after the TNV come overground and deposit their arms, ammunition and equipments as per the Memorandum of Settlement on Tripura.

Jain-Banerjee Committee

3551. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jain-Banerjee Committee appointed to hasten prosecutions on the 1984 anti-Sikh riots is finding difficult to get their suggestions carried over by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not appointed any lawyer to represent the Committee before the High Court; and

(c) whether the request of the Committee to apponit a Deputy Inspector General of Police as an Additional Commissioner in the Delhi Police to enable it to perform its task better was rejected by Government; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. However, on a writ petition, the Delhi High Court issued adinterim injuction on 24.11.87 restraining the Committee from making recommendation for registration of fresh cases. The Court also restrained the Delhi Police from registering any case on the directions/orders of the Committee.

(b) No, Sir. A senior Govt. Counsel, having sufficient seniority and experience has been engaged to defend the case on behalf of Delhi Administration and the Committee.

(c) Since a nodal officer of the rank of Addl. Commissioner of Police had already been nominated in the Police Headquarters to act as Liaison Officer for the Committee, appointment of yet another officer was not considered necessary or justified.

Arrest of a TNV activist

3552. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Smt. Mallika Deb Barman, a TNV activist, was arrested by the Assam Rifles on the 19th May, 1988; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by Government against her?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the State Government, Smt. Mallika Deb Barman is not a member of TNV. On May 19, 1988 around 0800 hrs she was forced by a tribal youth of 24-25 years to accompany him and show the route to Jangaliapara while she had gone to fetch drinking water from a well 200-300 yards away from her house. When they started, the youth handed over his bag to the girl for carrying. On reaching near Barjabasipara, they were asked to

give their identity by three Assam Rifles Personnel. The tribal youth took to his heels and fled away. The jawans could not apprehend him. The bag of the tribal youth which was carried by the girl was checked and one grenade (30-HE) 5 rounds of 7.62 SLR ammunition and Bangladesh made medicines etc., were found in the bag. A case was registered against her and the unknown tribal youth at Jirania. She was released on bail on 19-5-88. The case is under investigation.

Demands of All India Freedom Fighters Organisation

3553. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Freedom Fighters' Organisation has demanded certain facilities/amenities for them;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(c) what action has been taken on each of their demands so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of their demands and present position in this regard is given in the statement attached.

Statement

Demands	Present Position
1. Formation of Screening Committees for Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, U.P. Maharashtra, Orissa and other states.	1. A special drive was launched during July-August, 1986 and all the cases were disposed off. Screening Committees have been formed only in those cases where necessary.
2. Free Railway passess to widows of freedom fighters.	2. The Scheme of free railway passes to freedom fighters was introduced on the direction of late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. It was decided to give one time facility to freedom fighters who may visit the places of their choice in the country. It is not possible to extend this facility to widow/widower.
3. Enhancement in the quantum of monthly pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme.	3. No enhancement in the quantum of monthly pension has been made so far.
4. Tamrapatras to the legal heirs of Martyrs and dead freedom fighters.	4. and 5. It is not possible to accede to these demands of freedom fighters.
5. State pension to Delhi freedom fighters.	
6. Grant of Central Pension to civil INA state pensioners.	6. Apart from the Central Government, most of the State Governments/UT. Administration have formulated their own pension schemes with different eligibility criteria. But Central Pension is given only to those who come under the eligibility criteria of Central Scheme.
7. Recognition of Freedom Fighters' Colony.	7. As the matter pertains to Ministry of Urban Development, this demand has been forwarded to that Ministry.